

to the date the first profit share payment becomes due. The owner of any lease created by the segregation of a portion of a lease subject to net profit sharing provisions, shall pay an annual rental for such segregated portion at the rate per acre or hectare specified in the lease. This rental shall be payable each year following the year in which the segregation becomes effective and shall continue to be due and payable, in advance, on the first day of each year which commences prior to the date the first profit share payment becomes due.

[44 FR 38276, June 29, 1979, as amended at 45 FR 69175, Oct. 17, 1980; 47 FR 25972, June 16, 1982. Redesignated at 47 FR 47006, Oct. 22, 1982, and at 48 FR 35641, Aug. 5, 1983]

§218.152 Fishermen's Contingency Fund.

Upon the establishment of the Fishermen's Contingency Fund, any holder of a lease issued or maintained under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and any holder of an exploration permit or of an easement or right-of-way for the construction of a pipeline, shall pay an amount specified by the Director, MMS, who shall assess and collect the specified amount from each holder and deposit it into the Fund. With respect to prelease exploratory drilling permits, the amount will be collected at the time of issuance of the permit.

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§218.153 [Reserved]

§218.154 Effect of suspensions on royalty and rental.

(a) If under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.10 (b)(2) through (b)(4), the Regional Supervisor, with respect to any lease, directs the suspension of both operations and production, or, with respect to a lease on which there is no producible well, directs the suspension of operations, no payment of rental or minimum royalty shall be required for or during the period of suspension.

(b) The lessee shall not be relieved of the obligation to pay rental, minimum royalty or royalty for or during the period of suspension if the Regional Supervisor:

(1) Under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.10(a) approves, at the request of a

lessee, the suspension of operations or production, or both, or

(2) Under the provisions of 30 CFR 250.10(b)(1), (b)(5) through (b)(7), or (c) suspends any operation, including production.

(c) If the lease anniversary date falls within a period of suspension for which no rental or minimum royalty payments are required under paragraph (a) of this section, the prorated rentals or minimum royalties are due and payable as of the date the suspension period terminates. These amounts shall be computed and notice thereof given the lessee. The lessee shall pay the amount due within 30 days after receipt of such notice. The anniversary date of a lease shall not change by reason of any period of lease suspension or rental or royalty relief resulting therefrom.

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§218.155 Method of payment.

(a) *Payment of royalties and rentals.* With the exception of first-year rental, the payor shall tender all payments in accordance with §218.51 of this part. First-year rental shall be paid in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) *Payment of the one-fifth bonus bid amount.* (1) Each lease bid must include a payment for the one-fifth bonus bid deposit amount unless the bidder is otherwise directed by the Secretary. Further instructions on how to make payment with the bid will be included in the notice of each lease offering. EFT may be used as a method of payment for the one-fifth bonus bid amount.

(2) Beginning with lease offerings held after February 1, 1984, the one-fifth bonus amount received from a high bidder shall be deposited into an escrow account created pursuant to an agreement between the Departments of the Interior and Treasury, pending acceptance or rejection of the bid. The one-fifth bonus funds will be invested in public debt securities. Investment of this amount by the U.S. Government